FROST GUARD FOR PLANTS DISCOVERED

We were sent the following clipping and thought you might have missed it. Perhaps there is something to try here. As far as we know it has not been tried on Hibiscus or in this area. Maybe you would like to be the first. We Quote:

"New Haven, Conn. Aug. 5 (UP) - A scientist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station has discovered an entirely new way to protect plants against frost and drought, it was reported today.

The station said that Dr. Pieter J. C. Culper found that a dilute solution of decenylsuccinic acid, which is an unsaturated fatty acid, sprayed on peaches, apple and pear blossoms protected most of the flowers even when temperatures dipped as low as 24 degrees. Untreated flowers were killed by the frost. In greenhouse experiments, Dr. Culper found that similar acid treatment enabled plants to resist drying out as well as frost.

The Station said he conducted a field test during the June drought and discovered that hemlock seedlings, treated in the protective solution and then planted, became well established while other untreated seedlings died.

The practical value of the doctor's studies remain to be demonstrated, the station cautioned. The experiments were carried out at the Lockwood farm of the station in nearby Hamden, Conn."

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Charles Miller, news editor of the Peru (Illinois) News Herald, tells of a man who astonished the want-ad clerk of his newspaper recently by placing an ad offering fifty dollars reward for the return of his wife's cat.
"Isn't that a high reward for a cat?" asked the clerk.
"Not in this case," said the man, "I drowned the cat."

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TOP BLOOM OF THE SHOW SEASON

All but two of the shows of this season are now on the record books. They were all very good shows and the bloom were excellent.

The Norman Reasoner Chapter show was the first one of the season. The members of the Norman Reasoner chapter were successful in getting twenty-two amateur entrants to participate in the show. There were forty-four gold seal bloom from which to pick the following winners.

Best Collector Bloom - "Bobby Booth" grown by O. H. Hinson of St. Pete.
Best Amateur Bloom - "Mandalay" grown by Mr. W. Lewellen of Mt. Dora

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LAVENDER SKY NURSERY
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CAMELLIAS AZALEAS

HARDY SHRUBS

"How did poor old Jim die?"
" 'E fell through some scaffolding."
"What ever was 'e doing up there?"
"Being 'anged."

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The train to the suburbs had been delayed for hours by a blizzard, and it was in the small hours of the morning when a passenger got off at his home station. Going into the telegraph office, he sent this message: "Will not be at my office today. Am not home yesterday yet."